

Workforce Partnership of Greater RI
Strategic Development & Evaluation Committee Meeting

November 20, 2015
RI Dept of Labor and Training
1511 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI
Room73-3

Board members in attendance: Gail Patry (Chair), Kevin Bettencourt, Scott Greco, Kat Grygiel, Roger LaFlamme

Board members not in attendance: Bob Cooper, Lauren Slocum

Staff members in attendance: Diane Vendetti, Carlos Ribeiro

Call to Order

Ms. Patry called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Minutes from August 21, 2015

Vote

A motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2015 was made by Mr. LaFlamme; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

September Dashboard

Diane Vendetti reviewed the Dashboard.

Ms. Patry questioned with ITA training being down from a year ago whether expenditures were proportionately lower as well. Diane Vendetti will provide an expenditure comparison to the committee.

Quarter 4 PY14 WIOA Performance

Diane Vendetti stated that Adult and Dislocated Worker programs are exceeding expectations. Two of the Youth program measures, Older Youth Credential and Younger Youth Diploma rate are below the target rate. Carlos Ribeiro explained that this is due to the lower high school dropout rate and changes in the GED. Also, negotiated rates are based on exceptional past performance and are not realistic to attain.

PY12, 13 & 14 OJT & ITA Outcomes

Diane Vendetti presented year over year comparisons for both OJT and ITA programs. The information included enrollments, completions, entered employments, training related employment, average wage and retention.

WIOA Customized Training Policy

A draft policy was presented to the committee for review. Diane Vendetti explained the need for the new policy is due to the fact that the old policy under WIA was based on a waiver that no longer exists. WIOA gives local areas more latitude to develop policy that will best serve needs of local employers.

Ms. Patry and Ms. Grygiel both expressed a concern that the draft policy doesn't provide sufficient guidance upon which decisions to award/rank proposals will be based. Mr. Bettencourt also suggested that employers need to know benefits of participating in the program i.e. rate of reimbursement in order to know whether submitting a proposal is worthwhile. Mr. Greco asked how GRI's policy compares with Providence Cranston. This will need to be researched by staff.

No vote was taken and the committee requested a new draft policy that will address the above mentioned concerns and be in line with the policy of the other Workforce Board.

Adjournment

Vote

Ms. Patry accepted a motion to adjourn from Mr. Bettencourt at 9:15AM;
Mr. LaFlamme seconded the motion, all were in favor.